

MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY

Wednesday, April 18, 2007 9:00 a.m. Room 519 House Office Building, Lansing

Representative Accavitti, Chair, called the meeting to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Representatives Accavitti, Mayes, Angerer, Brown, Clemente, Ebli, Hammon, Hopgood, Lemmons, Lindberg, Melton, Miller, Nofs, Palsrok, Huizenga, Moolenaar, Horn, Opsommer. (18/19)

ABSENT/EXCUSED: Representative Garfield. (1/19)

Mike Shriberg, Ph.D., Director of Environment Michigan, and Kim Pargoff, Energy Advocate for Environment Michigan, spoke to the Committee about Renewable Energy Standards (RES). Topics discussed included: core arguments for a renewable energy standard in Michigan; states benefiting from RES and the spur of economic growth; RES pitfalls; keys to a successful RES policy; RES policies and natural gas prices; the necessity of RES in competitive markets; the potential for new jobs resulting from RES projects; Michigan Wind Potential and the benefit of Wind Power; RES environmental benefits; the New Energy Future Path; Energy Efficiency Stops Demand Growth; Clean Energy Saves Consumers Money; and Clean Energy Reduces Pollution. Questions were answered for Committee members.

Representative Nofs made a motion to adopt the minutes of the meeting of April 12, 2007. No objections being offered, the minutes were adopted by unanimous consent.

Representative Brown made a motion to excuse absent members. No objections being offered, absent members were excused.

There being no additional business before the Committee, Chair Accavitti declared the meeting adjourned, the time being 10:33 a.m.

Representative Frank Accavitti, Jr.

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